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HB 920 - Haralson County Family Connection Authority; create

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A BILL to create the Haralson County Family Connection Authority; and for other purposes.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1- 1 To create the Haralson County Family Connection Authority;
1- 2 to provide for programs to benefit the children and families
1- 3 of Haralson County; to provide for the appointment of
1- 4 members; to provide for terms, duties, and powers; to
1- 5 authorize the authority to receive and expend funds; to
1- 6 provide for an executive committee, coordinator, and annual
1- 7 report; to provide for review; to provide for related
1- 8 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
1- 9 laws; and for other purposes.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

1-11 SECTION 1.

1-12 (a) There is created the Haralson County Family Connection
1-13 Authority. The authority shall be composed of members as
1-14 follows:

1-15 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the Haralson
1-16 County legislative delegation to serve for an initial
1-17 term of two years, which members shall be selected from
1-18 the fields of legislative, media, and child advocacy;

1-19 (2) Three members shall be appointed by the judge of the
1-20 Juvenile Court of Haralson County to serve for an
1-21 initial term of one year, which members shall be
1-22 selected from the fields of religion, benevolent
1-23 organizations, and social work;

1-24 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the commissioner
1-25 of Haralson County to serve for an initial term of two
1-26 years, which members shall be the commissioner or a
1-27 designee and a consumer of family services;

1-28 (4) One member shall be appointed to serve for an
1-29 initial term of one year by each of the governing
1-30 authorities of the cities of Waco, Buchanan, Bremen, and
1-31 Tallapoosa;

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2- 1 (5) Two members shall be appointed by the Haralson
2- 2 County Chamber of Commerce who shall represent business
2- 3 and shall serve for an initial term of one year;

2- 4 (6) One member shall be appointed by the Haralson County
2- 5 Board of Health and shall serve for an initial term of
2- 6 one year;

2- 7 (7) The directors or administrators or their designees
2- 8 from the following entities: District Department of
2- 9 Human Resources Public Health Division, Haralson County
2-10 Department of Family and Children Services, Tallapoosa
2-11 Housing Authority, Bremen Housing Authority, Buchanan
2-12 Housing Authority, Bremen City School System, Haralson
2-13 County School System, Floyd College, Higgins General
2-14 Hospital, Carroll Technical Institute, Tallapoosa
2-15 E.O.A., and Haralson County Mental Health;

2-16 (8) One attorney shall be appointed by the local bar
2-17 association and shall serve for an initial term of two
2-18 years; and

2-19 (9) The authority shall be authorized to select
2-20 additional members consistent with the purposes of the

2-21 authority who shall serve for an initial term of two
2-22 years.

2-23 (b) Following the initial terms of office, all appointments
2-24 shall be made for a term of two years and until a successor
2-25 is appointed and qualified. Members of the authority shall
2-26 be eligible for reappointment.

2-27 (c) All appointments to the authority shall be made within
2-28 60 days after the effective date of this Act. Persons
2-29 appointed to serve on the Haralson County Family Connection
2-30 Authority shall be Haralson County residents except those
2-31 persons filling the professional positions outlined within
2-32 this Act who may or may not be county residents.

2-33 SECTION 2.

2-34 The authority shall undertake annual and ongoing studies of
2-35 the needs, issues, and state of the well-being of children,
2-36 families, and youth in Haralson County. The authority shall
2-37 gather, publicize, and disseminate data on issues pertinent
2-38 to families and children; identify outstanding issues and
2-39 areas of concern and assist the community in establishing
2-40 and implementing strategic and annual plans for addressing
2-41 these issues collaboratively; design and propose
2-42 comprehensive programmatic strategies for addressing

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3- 1 conditions of families and children; secure and expend funds
3- 2 for implementing priority strategies; and identify,
3- 3 coordinate, and enhance integration of existing resources to
3- 4 improve results for families and children. The authority
3- 5 shall adopt such rules or procedures as it finds necessary
3- 6 or desirable for the governance of its operation. The
3- 7 members of the authority shall serve without compensation.

3- 8 SECTION 3.

3- 9 The authority is authorized to receive, accept, and expend
3-10 funds from public and private sources for implementing
3-11 strategies to benefit the children and families of Haralson
3-12 County. The authority is authorized to expend such funds to
3-13 employ a coordinator, who shall not be a member of the
3-14 authority, for the execution of the authority's duties. The
3-15 salary and administrative sponsorship for such coordinator
3-16 shall be set by the authority.

3-17 SECTION 4.

3-18 The authority shall make an annual report in September of
3-19 each year of its findings and recommendations to the
3-20 Haralson County legislative delegation, the judge of the
3-21 Juvenile Court of Haralson County, the commissioner of
3-22 Haralson County, the governing authority of each
3-23 municipality in the county, the Haralson County Chamber of
3-24 Commerce, the Haralson County Department of Family and

3-25 Children Services, the Haralson County Board of Health, and
3-26 any individual or group providing funds to the authority.

3-27 SECTION 5.

3-28 Each member of the authority shall take the following oath
3-29 to be administered by the senior judge of the Superior Court
3-30 of Haralson County:

3-31 "Recognizing the fact that there are many social,
3-32 economic, and educational issues that prevent our
3-33 children and their families from achieving their
3-34 potential and desiring to play a part in improving the
3-35 outcomes for families and children, I,
3-36 _____, do solemnly swear that as a member
3-37 of the Haralson County Family Connection Authority I
3-38 will fulfill the duties and responsibilities of my
3-39 appointment to the best of my ability."

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4- 1 SECTION 6.

4- 2 The entire authority shall meet at least quarterly. There
4- 3 shall be a seven-member executive committee elected by the
4- 4 authority on an annual basis. The executive committee shall
4- 5 be headed by a chair and vice chair. The executive
4- 6 committee shall act for the authority on routine matters and
4- 7 other matters authorized by the entire authority and shall
4- 8 meet at least once between the authority's quarterly
4- 9 meetings. The executive committee shall report its
4-10 recommendations and actions to the entire authority. The
4-11 authority coordinator shall act as facilitator for all
4-12 meetings.

4-13 SECTION 7.

4-14 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the
4-15 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

4-16 SECTION 8.

4-17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
4-18 repealed.

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